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NON-CIRCUMVENTION FOR AIR FORCE MANPOWER, AND LINK BETWEEN
PHASES

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1. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS SPCDISCUSSION SEPTEMBER 12 ON THREE ITEMS
FROM AD HOC GROUP REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE: 1) UNDERTAKING TO ADHERE
TO AGREED FORCE LEVELS (PARA 29 MEASURES) (PARA 2 I, REF A);
2) POSSIBLE NON-CIRCUMVENTION MEASURES FOR AIR FORCE MANPOWER
(PARA 15, REF A); AND 3) LINK BETWEEN PHASES (PARA 3, REF A).
OTHER ASPECTS OF MEETING REPORTED REFTEL.

UNDERTAKING TO ADHERE TO AGREED FORCE LEVELS (PARA 29 MEASURES)

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2. ACTING CHAIRMAN (KILLHAM) ASKED IF U.S. REP WAS IN A POSITION
TO PRESENT U.S. COMMENT ON THIS QUESTION, WHICH ON THE ALLIED SIDE
IN PHASE I CONCERNED U.S. FORCES. U.S. REP REPLIED THAT HE
WAS NOT. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) NOTED THAT MBFR WORKING GROUP

TWO YEARS AGO HAD LOOKED INTO THIS ISSUED, AND ASKED IF IN THE ABSENCE OF U.S. NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION, SPC COULD USE WG PAPER AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. ACTING CHAIRMAN OF WG (SMITH) SAID HE THOUGHT SPC COULD DO NO MORE THAN REVIEW THE ISSUE ON THE BASIS OF WG REPORT. NATO COULD NOT REALLY GET INTO THIS ISSUE WITHOUT U.S. NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION. NETHERLANDS REP (SIZOO) OBSERVED THAT U.S. HAD PROMISED ITS PAPER SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

POSSIBLE NON-CIRCUMVENTION MEASURES FOR AIR FORCE MANPOWER

3. UK RRP (BAILES) SAID UK AUTHORITIES DID NOT WISH TO DISCUSS NON-CIRCUMVENTION MEASURES FOR AIR FORCE MANPOWER AT THIS TIME. UK PREFERRED TO LEAVE THIS ISSUE UNTIL LATER, WHEN SPC WOULD EXAMINE NON-CIRCUMVENTION IN GENERAL. BELGIAN REP SAID THAT WHAT THE AHG WAS REALLY ASKING FOR WAS GUIDANCE ON A "NON-INCREASE" AGREEMENT ON AIR FORCE MANPOWER. THE PHRASEOLOGY OF THE AHG REQUEST, I.E. "NON-CIRCUMVENTION" WAS PERHAPS MISLEADING. HE THOUGHT SPC COULD CONSIDER A NON-INCREASE AGREEMENT ON AIR FORCE MANPOWER NOW. UK REP SAID SHE KNEW HER AUTHORITIES WOULD AT LEAST WANT TO SEE THE COMPLETED WG STUDY ON AIR MANPOWER BEFORE CONSIDERING THE BELGIAN SUGGESTION.

LINK BETWEEN PHASES

4. U.S. REP MADE THE SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING LINK BETWEEN PHASES CONTAINED IN REF B. SPC WILL CONSIDER THE SUGGESTIONS AT SEPTEMBER 16 MEETING. RUMSFELD

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